

CONNECTICUT BOXING COMMISSION

Meeting held at Department of Public Safety Headquarters

Room 348

Middletown, Connecticut

December 09, 2008

Members Present: A. James Krayske, Jr. - Chairman
Manuel M. Leibert
Larry Perosino
Michael Stergio

Members Absent: William H. Carey III
Jeffrey Dressler
William F. Pavia
Larry Pelletier
Mark Sinatra

Vacancies: None

Commission Counsel: None

DPS Staff: Lieutenant Mark Cassisita- Executive Officer SLFU
Sgt. Michael Kostrzewa - SLFU/ Boxing Administrator
Jeanette Zaleski - SLFU / Secretary for Boxing Commission

Public Present: George Smith
Reninca LaBella
Leslie Richardson

Note: Pursuant to Public Act 06-187 (effective 10/01/2006 and codified in C.G.S. Chapter 532a, Section 29-143i), the administrative functions of the Connecticut Boxing Commission (formerly the Connecticut Boxing Promotion Commission) are carried out by the Department of Public Safety. For information, contact Sgt. Michael Kostrzewa at 860-685-8329.

I. COMMISSION MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting of Connecticut Boxing Commission called to order by Chairman A. James Krayeske, Jr. at 1:05 pm. Roll called: four members present, five absent.

II. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2008 MEETING MINUTES

Chair suspended approval of September 16, 2008 minutes until next scheduled commission meeting due to a lack of quorum.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Statutes and Regulation Sub-Committee Review

Update from the sub-committee was tabled; Larry Pelletier sub-committee member was absent from meeting.

Willie Pep Memorial

No new update on this project.

Mixed Martial Arts

In a formal letter, the CT Boxing Commission requested a legal opinion from State of Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal on whether Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) events could be held in Connecticut under existing boxing laws. The Attorney General responded to the Commission Chairman in a letter dated December 8, 2008. In summary of the three page letter, Attorney General Blumenthal stated that because current boxing regulations prohibit the fighting techniques used in MMA, and there is no statutory authority for MMA, MMA events cannot take place in Connecticut without a legislative change. All Commission and DPS members present were given a copy of the Attorney General's letter.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

CT Boxing Hall of Fame Dinner

Connecticut Boxing Hall of Fame induction was held on Friday November 28, 2008 at Mohegan Sun Casino. The event was well attended.

USA Boxing-CT (Amateur)

Commission members will be advised of the specific dates and times of the Western New England Golden Gloves (scheduled to take place in January of 2009) as soon as DPS receives paperwork from USA Boxing-CT regarding this event.

DPS Boxing Regulation will continue to work with USA Boxing-CT in 2009 to ensure proper registration of amateur clubs/programs with DPS in compliance with state statutes and regulations.

Passing of John Burns

Chairman Krayeske informed the Commission that John Burns, former Director of Boxing with the CT Department of Consumer Protection had passed away. The Chairman suggested and the Commission agreed to send a mass card to honor his memory.

V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Leslie Richardson and Reninca LaBella, representing Richardson Kickboxing, addressed the Commission members present to announce the pending grand opening of their new fitness, cardio, and mixed martial arts training facility in Rocky Hill, CT. Richardson and LaBella also described the training and community programs offered.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Krayeske adjourned the meeting at 1:58pm

**NEXT MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2009 AT 1:00PM
ROOM 348
DPS HEADQUARTERS
MIDDLETOWN, CT**